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Shouts & murmurs:

Casino deal fallout

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The ripple effect continues after the Nov. 8 announcement of a 3-2 vote of the West Sacramento City Council to make a deal with the Upper Lake Pomo band of Indians, who hope to bring a casino and resort to the city's northwest:

■ Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan roundly criticized the city council last week for making the deal without including the county. Yolo County officials had rejected chances to negotiate directly with the tribe and its management team, but McGowan said the city should have worked closer with the county as the city approached its deal with the tribe.

The closed-door approval of the deal was "about the worst piece of public process I've ever seen," said McGowan about the closed-door negotiations and vote.

■ A spokesman for the administration of Governor Gray Davis said the administration is "strongly opposed" to the West Sacramento casino proposal. A second spokesperson added that the governor's view is that gaming doesn't belong in urban areas, and approval for West Sacramento could set a bad precedent.

■ Outgoing West Sacramento Councilman Jim Cahill roundly criticized colleagues Christopher Cabaldon and Oscar Villegas during his last meeting on the council last week, for opposing the deal with the casino.

He told the News-Ledger yesterday that Cabaldon and Villegas had run out of legitimate reasons to oppose the deal after each "deal point" was addressed in negotiations. The decision that it was time for a vote late last month was "collective," he said.

"We started looking around and saying, 'What else do we need to talk about?' as far as each area of contention," said Cahill. "We had run out of things to ask (the tribe) for. [The two councilmen] were saying, 'Suddenly, I have concerns about it and I can't support it.' We came to a point where I said, 'if we're going to do this in good faith, and if we've eliminated the areas of contention, they why don't you sign this agreement?' "

Cabaldon and Villegas told the News-Ledger last week that they believed a vote on the deal was premature and should have been made with public input instead of in private.

Cahill said yesterday that he had been an early proponent of letting the public know the council was negotiating for an agreement with the tribe – but was voted down by his colleagues on the issue months ago.

"I understand and wholly subscribe that we should have had this thing in the public realm the whole time, and they didn't," he said of the rest of the council.

Cahill also answered questions about how he went from being the only West Sacramento City Council member campaigning against the casino in the early months of 2002, to being a key player in passing the agreement.

"I was against this," Cahill stated. "I argued that we shouldn't negotiate this agreement. I argued that our fight at the federal level and our fight at the local level [against the casino] depended wholly on getting a unified opposition at the local level. Then came a point when I was getting all the criticism for taking a position."

He added that he later supported the deal out of practical necessity.

"I didn't come out for it – I just signed on to a deal as an insurance policy," said Cahill. The argument behind that insurance policy is that West Sacramento is protecting its interests by getting a commitment of compensation from the tribe – in case the federal and state governments give the tribe its rights to game on the site.

■ Two West Sacramentans alleged shortly after July 30 that Cahill had a meeting on that date with casino proponent Dan Ramos, who represents the land partnership attempting to sell to the Pomos. The meeting, they said, could shed light on why Cahill went from an anti-casino activist to a pro-deal activist.

The pair are a husband and wife who are also members of the WS-QUAD political group (largely hostile to Cahill). Their allegations came to the News-Ledger immediately after the meeting they say they witnessed. But they refused to allow their names to be published and the News-Ledger, which generally won't run information from anonymous sources, did not pursue the story at the time.

In light of the subsequent events, the News-Ledger reversed that decision and interviewed them for publication yesterday. The pair said that they had happened to enter West Sacramento's Baker's Square restaurant July 30, at a time just before Cahill attempted to file for reelection to the council (an effort later sabotaged by a paperwork error). They saw Cahill with Ramos, and then were seated at a spot two booths away. When they heard the subject of the Cahill/Ramos discussion, the pair said, they began scribbling away notes, saying much of Cahill's commentary was loud and clear, while Ramos's comments were fewer and less audible.

"Cahill thanked him for his (campaign) contribution and guaranteed him he was the third vote for the casino matter,"

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Passing of the gavel, changing of the guard



ABOVE: Carolyn Castillo Pierson (left) is sworn into office as a West Sacramento City Council member by City Clerk Helen Kanowsky. Castillo Pierson, a state health department administrator, was one of the top two vote-getters in the city's Nov. 5 election. The other was Christopher Cabaldon, who won re-election to the council.

BELOW: New mayor Christopher Cabaldon (right) with new vice-mayor Oscar Villegas.

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An overflow crowd attended a special West Sacramento City Council meeting Tuesday night, watching Carolyn Castillo Pierson take a seat as the newest member of the city's governing body. Castillo Pierson thanked her supporters during the recent election campaign and expressed pride in her city.

It was also time for the selection of a new mayor and vice mayor ("mayor pro tem") for the city, but a pause fell among the council after out-going mayor Bill Kristoff called for nominations for the mayor's seat.

Finally, council member Oscar Villegas nominated colleague Christopher Cabaldon, who had served two consecutive terms ending two years ago. Cabaldon won his colleagues' approval, then nominated Villegas for the vice mayor's spot. Villegas, too, got the nod.

The city council chooses a mayor for one-year terms -- often following a rotation involving a waiting list and seniority. But former Mayor pro tem Jim Cahill -- apparently next in line for the mayor's gavel -- departed the council last week after a paperwork error rendered him unable to run for reelection.

"I certainly appreciated the opportunity to serve," Cahill summed up for the News-Ledger. "We did a lot of good things, but by no means did we finish everything."

His advice to the next city council?

"Be honest," he said simply.

City hall almost ready

By Art Schroeder
City of West Sacramento

With construction of the West Sacramento Civic Center nearly complete, the first cluster of city offices are set to move into the building on November 23. The departments of the City Manager, Finance, Fire Administration, Grants and Community Investment and Redevelopment will vacate the interim City Hall facility at 1350 Halyard Drive and relocate to the Civic Center's three-story administrative offices at 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

The consolidation of the city

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Runaway boy found safe after spending one night outdoors

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A 10-year old resident of southern West Sacramento ran away from home Monday evening and spent a night hunkered down in a culvert near the Club Pheasant restaurant, before being spotted yesterday morning by a member of the search party.

The boy appeared to be in good shape, but as a precaution was taken to a Sacramento hospital to be examined.

Officer Amy Lawrence of the West Sacramento Police Department said police received a call at about 6:44 p.m. Monday that the boy had run from his home following a disagreement with his family. The boy – a one-month resident of the city – was believed to be fairly unfamiliar with the region, and dressed poorly for a night outdoors in November. West Sacramento police and members of the Sacramento County Search and Rescue team began a search.

Helicopters from the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and California Highway Patrol also assisted, but dawn arrived with no sign of the child.

Shortly afterwards came better news.

"He was found this morning at about 7:30 a.m.," said Lt. Dave Farmer of the West Sacramento Police Department, on Tuesday. "We were moving our dog search team to a new area after we got some information that he was seen [Monday] night around Jefferson Blvd., Linden Rd. and the Club Pheasant. Members of the California Rescue Dog Association saw him from their vehicle, as the boy was walking across a field, and they were driving down Jefferson. They contacted him and he verbally identified himself."

How did the boy pass the night?

"It pretty much looks like he got down into a storm drain just north of the Club Pheasant along that field."

Farmer added that the boy's father met him at the search site, where the boy was checked out by firefighters and taken to a Sacramento hospital.

"He was frightened, and he was cold," said Farmer.

The police lieutenant added that local police are grateful for help from the California Rescue Dog Association, the Sacramento Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Team, and to Sister Michael, Principal of Our Lady of Grace School on Linden Rd., who opened up the school gym to serve as a command post through the night, and kept rescue personnel supplied with refreshments.

Five generations



By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor

This past Sunday, five generations of the Cecchettini family, which has been in West Sacramento since the early 1950s, gathered to celebrate the 90th birthday of the matriarch of the family, Vivian Cecchettini.

In addition to raising her large family in West Sacramento (which at last count numbered 38, including 21-great-grand children and two great-great-grandchildren), Vivian also spent twenty years working in the Washington Unified School District as an attendance clerk at Marshall High School.

"My brother Gary and I couldn't even cut school," said Vivian's son, Ron Cecchettini with a smile, "because our mother was the darn attendance clerk."

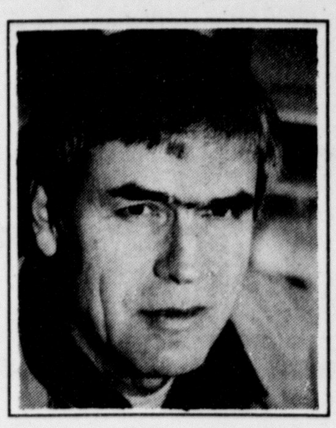
The past couple of years have been difficult for Vivian, with two of her children passing away and also learning that she has been diagnosed with cancer.

"Lately it's been a tough time for mom and the whole family," said Ron, "but it was nice to see her out and about and everyone gathered in one place again. There were more than one hundred people at the party and mom looked terrific. She's still going strong, has a positive attitude, and had the time of her life at the party."

In addition to enjoying the time she gets to spend with her large and loving family, Vivian is also very active in the Italian Catholic Federation (ICF) and West Sacramento's Our Lady of Grace Church.

Need a tour of West Sac? Just call the News-Ledger

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

I was answering the phones at the *News-Ledger* the other day when a friendly voice on the other end of the line asked me if she could please get some information concerning how she should go about publishing a required legal notice in the newspaper. I told her that the kind of legal notice she wanted printed was something we do all the time at the *News-Ledger* and that it was a relatively simple undertaking. I also told her how long the notice would have to run in the paper and what it would cost.

"Well," she said, obviously relieved, "that sounds pretty easy. So what's the first step in the process?"

"All you really have to do," I explained, "is just bring the information the county court gave you and a check for $40 over to the office and we can start printing the notice in next week's paper."

"Okay. Where is the *News-Ledger* located?"

"Actually," I said, "we just moved. For more than 30 years, we were over on Westacre Road, just across the street from Raley's, but now we're at 1040 West Capitol Avenue, Suite B, right next to the beautiful new Civic Center which will be up and running in a few months. Are you familiar with the area?"

"To tell you the truth," she said, "although I bought a new home in Southport and have been living in it for more than two years now, I have never really spent too much time in the area of West Sacramento where I think your office is located. Isn't West Capitol Avenue a pretty dangerous place to be? Isn't that where they have all the problems with crime and prostitutes? I've been told by a number of people to avoid that part of town as much as I can and I have."

As I'm afraid I too often do when given even the slightest opportunity, I suddenly found myself haranguing the poor lady on the other end of the line with sentences like, "You know, San Francisco has hundreds of times more prostitutes than West Sacramento does, and it's considered one of the greatest cities in the world", and "Did you know that Clark Gable used to stay in the El Rancho Motel on West Capitol Avenue when he came this way to go duck hunting?"

Anyway, somewhere along the line, I allowed the still friendly voice to get a word in edgewise and she said, "So, I take it you really like West Sacramento and have lived here for a long time?"

"Yeah," I admitted, "this really is a great little city, and I have lived here all my life. In fact, I grew up just a couple of blocks away from West Capitol Avenue, on a street named Michigan Boulevard, and I can remember back when West Capitol Avenue was the main drag between San Francisco and Sacramento. Travelers and vacationers from the central and southern parts of the state who wanted to go north to ski in the mountains or gamble at Lake Tahoe had to use West Capitol Avenue to get there. That's why all the motels -- which at one time were always packed. It's of course true that West Capitol Avenue's glory days have been over for a long time, and there's parts of it best avoided, but the City of West Sacramento is trying hard to change that and the new Civic Center is a good example."

"You know," said the voice on the other end of the line, "I enjoy living in West Sacramento, too, and I think I really should probably make more of an effort to get to know all of its neighborhoods, not just the one I live in."

"Then how about a tour?" I suggested.

"Are you serious?"

Much to my surprise, a few days later, when the voice on the other end of the line (I'll call her Lynn) showed up at the *News-Ledger* to get her legal notice published, she said she had also decided to take me up on my offer of a tour of West Sacramento.

"It has to be a quick tour, though," she said, "because I'm on my lunch hour."

"Then the ten-minute tour of West Sacramento it'll be," I said, pointing her towards my old beat-up pickup truck.

As we cruised east on West Capitol Avenue past such well-known landmarks as the Experience Motel, West Capitol Bowl, Raley's Field and the pyramid building, I mentioned to Lynn that what I really wanted her to see was the old neighborhoods of Broderick and Bryte, and as we drove through them, I explained that they had once been home to large numbers of wonderful Italian and Portuguese and Russian and Hispanic families, and in reality, still are.

I also showed her Golden State Middle School, which had once been Washington High School, and told her that all four of my children had gone through 6th, 7th and 8th grades there without the slightest problem. I then took her down Sacramento Avenue to Harbor Boulevard, pointed out the site of the proposed Indian gambling casino that our local politicians are currently fighting about, and then showed her the rest of West Capitol Avenue and the Sikh Temple on Evergreen Avenue (the biggest and best attended of its kind in Northern California) before taking her over to the states streets and finally to my favorite part of West Sacramento, Westmore Oaks, where River City High School (where I graduated from high school when it was called Marshall) is located.

"Wow, I never knew all these wonderful neighborhoods and houses were even here," said Lynn, "and these great old oak trees are just fabulous!"

On the way back to the *News-Ledger*, I remember also mentioning to Lynn that what I believe makes a great city is the people who inhabit it, and that West Sacramento has more nice, friendly, interesting, diverse, hard-working and neighborly people living in it than you can shake a stick at.

"So, just where have you been?" asked the crack editor of the *News-Ledger*, Steve Marschke, when I finally returned to work.

"Oh, I was just out giving a very nice Southport resident a tour of West Sacramento," I explained. "You know, doing my small part to get the new residents of our fair city to realize that they're all wanted and that they haven't taken their lives into their own hands by moving over here."

"Did the tour go well?"

"Yeah, I think it did."

"You know," said Steve with a smile, "maybe you should start advertising your little tours in the *News-Ledger*? I bet there are quite a few new residents in West Sac who could benefit from the Daryl Fisher tour of the real West Sacramento."

"You know," I said, "now that's not a bad idea. But I guess I'd probably need a way to reach those people most in need of a tour, though. Hey, you wouldn't happen to have the phone number of QUAD handy, would you?"



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Obituaries

Clyde Walker Perkins



Clyde Perkins, known as "Tucker" to all of his friends, was born in Morrill, Nebraska, on June 25, 1938, the only child born to Clyde and Margaret Perkins. In the mid-1940s, he moved with his family to Broderick, California, and in 1956, graduated from West Sacramento's James Marshall High School.

After graduation, Tucker continued working with his father in the family business, Perkins Construction Company. In 1961, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Mobile Construction Battalion for four years. He continued his service in the Navy as a reserve for an additional two years, ending his military service in 1967.

During his service he married his childhood and lifelong friend, Kathryn Youngblood, in Reno, Nevada, on August 11, 1964. They had two daughters, Andrea Lynne (born in 1967) and Betsy Margaret (born in 1977). As a family they enjoyed camping, fishing, and spending as much time as they could out of doors. Tucker's 35-year marriage to Kathryn also saw the birth of grandson's Travis (little Tucker) and Austin Hart. Tucker could always be heard talking about the good times with his daughters and bragging about his grandsons. He thrilled them by sharing his military gear, pictures, and stories of his adventures to foreign countries.

One of Tucker's great loves was fishing in the Bay Area and every weekend you could find him on his boat with many of his close friends. He was an avid fisherman who traveled the world to find the rarest fish and the greatest catch. He also enjoyed attending Sacramento Kings and River Cats games.

Tucker loved to play, but also had a love for his work; building, constructing and remodeling. From the Yolo County Jail and the Main Post Office in Davis to his family homes throughout West Sacramento and many local businesses, city, and state projects, no job was too small, large or complicated for Tucker. He had a gift for engineering and a love for construction.

Tucker always lived his life to the fullest and the joy, love, and laughter he gave to so many others will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Tucker was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn Perkins, and is survived by his daughters, Andrea Hart and Betsy Perkins; son-in-law, Rick Hart; and grandsons Travis and Austin Hart. Burial services were held at East Lawn Memorial Park on November 16, 2002.

New books

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"The Punch: One Night, Two Lives, and the Fight That Changed Basketball Forever," by John Feinstein.

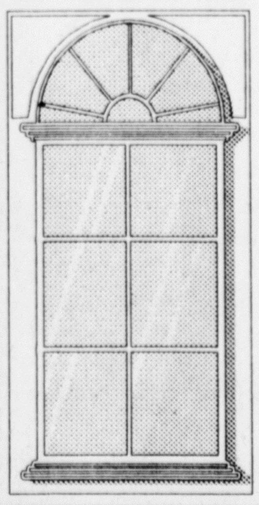
"Kitchen Table Entrepreneurs: How Eleven Women Escaped Poverty and Became Their Own Bosses," by Martha Shirk & Anna S. Wadia.

"Refugees in Our Own Land: Chronicles from a Palestinian Refugee Camp in Bethlehem," by Muna Hamzeh.

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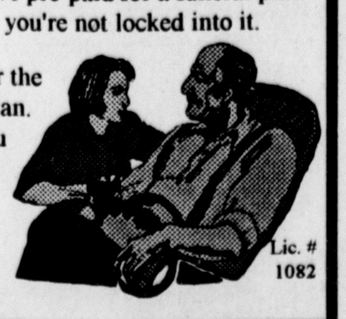


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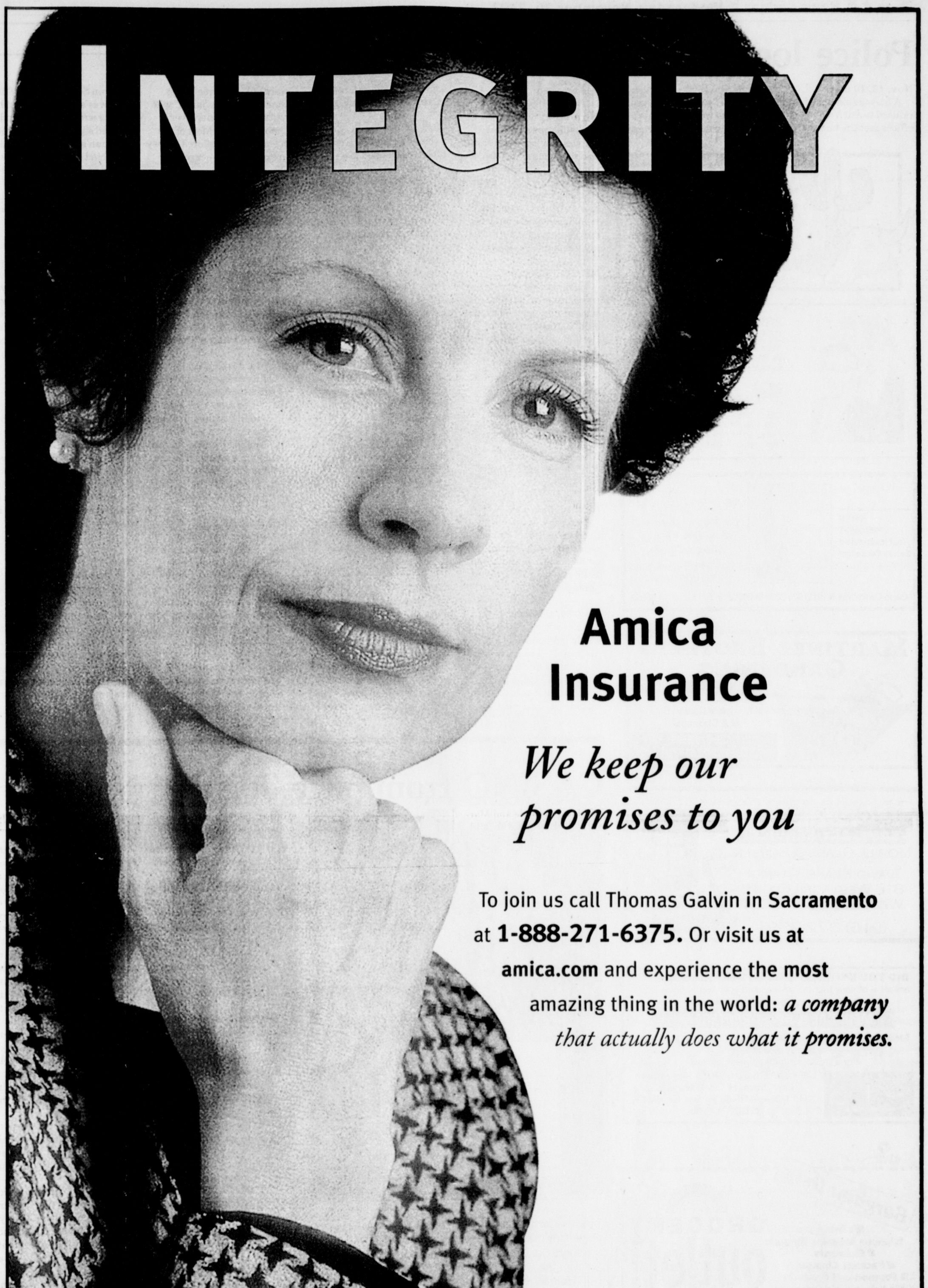


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Police log

Nov. 12, 10 a.m.
A 52-year old transient refused to exit Yolobus. An officer met the bus at Jefferson Blvd. and West Capitol Ave., and believed the man was intoxicated. The transient was removed and arrested.

Nov. 12, 11:30 a.m.
Employees at a West Capitol fast food restaurant had told a man numerous times that he was unwelcome due to his panhandling from customers. When the man returned again, the manager placed him under citizen's arrest. Police cited and released the suspect.

Nov. 12, 2:55 p.m.
A 39-year old man entered a supermarket, purchased several items and left the store without paying for items he had hidden on his person. Loss prevention agents confronted him outside, where the shoplifter fought them, giving and receiving injuries. The suspect was held and arrested.

Nov. 13, 3:40 p.m.
A car was stolen from Sacramento Ave.

Nov. 13, 5:55 p.m.
At a parking lot on Sacramento Ave., a woman reported that a man hit her on the mouth, brandished a knife and took $20 from her pants pocket.

Nov. 14, 1:45 a.m.
A 24-year old Evergreen Circle man punched a victim in the nose. The pair had been dating and had a child together. After the punch, the man went to his vehicle, retrieved a .22 caliber rifle, and shot the rear tire of the victim's car. He was booked.

Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m.
Near 5th and F streets, an officer responded to a report of car burglaries. The officer found a transient man in possession of tapes and a briefcase. The owner of one of the burglarized cars was contacted and said the property was his. The suspect was jailed.

Nov. 14, 6 p.m.
A 20-year old Citrus Heights woman was found in possession of a stolen car on Tyler Rd. in West Sacramento. The woman admitted entering the victim's residence and taking money and the car, along with a male suspect. The woman was arrested.

Nov. 14, 8:20 p.m.
An undercover officer picked up a 19-year old transient woman on the 500-block of West Capitol Ave. after she flagged him down. While soliciting as a prostitute, she grabbed the officer's crotch. She was arrested.

Nov. 14
A 19-year old West Captitol Ave. woman flagged down an undercover officer during a police "sting" operation, got into the officer's vehicle, and offered to perform two sex acts for $50. She was booked. Also arrested in the operation were at least three other women and five "johns" who had solicited undercover female officers. Most of the customers had offered money in exchange for sex; one offered drugs.

Nov. 14, 3:30 p.m.
A 49-year old female was contacted by officers and code enforcement officers while illegally camped on Houston St. During a search of her property, officers found a hypodermic syringe, drug pipe, and two bags with a small amount of amphetamines. Also arrested was a 42-year old man at the site.

Nov. 14, 11:33 p.m.
Officers responded to the report of a prowler on Todhunter Ave. A 19-year old man had kicked in a door and broken out a window. Confronted by police, he ran, damaging a swingset in the backyard of a Hobson St. home during his flight. He was caught and booked.

Nov. 15, 2:15 a.m.
An officer confronted a suspect near the suspect's car at a gas station near Jefferson and West Capitol. He saw the 30-year old Roseville man drop a small plastic bag near the car. The bag tested positive for amphetamines.

Nov. 15, 7:59 p.m.
An officer confronted a 55-year old Sacramento man in a "very well known drug area" on Second Street. The man was a parolee, out of his county without a pass, and showed signs of intoxication. The man's parole agent was contacted and a "hold" was placed on the parolee. A 39-year old woman also out of Sacramento County without a pass, while on parole, was also arrested.

Nov. 16, 11:40 a.m.
A West Capitol man was arrested for trying to run over a victim with his car. The victim had to rush out of the way to avoid being hit, in the incident at the 3200-block of West Capitol. The suspect crashed into the victim's car. The suspect was arrested.

Nov. 17, 9:51 p.m.
Officers responded to a Maple St. incident in which an 18-year old was accused of stabbing his father three times with a knife. The suspect was caught after hiding in bushes along railroad tracks near Rice Ave. The father was hospitalized.

Nov. 17, 1:23 p.m.
A 38-year old Walnut St. woman entered a supermarket with an empty purse, filled it with food and canned goods, and attempted to leave without paying. She was confronted and arrested. She was found to have $126 in cash and $2 in food stamps, and was an illegal alien without identification.

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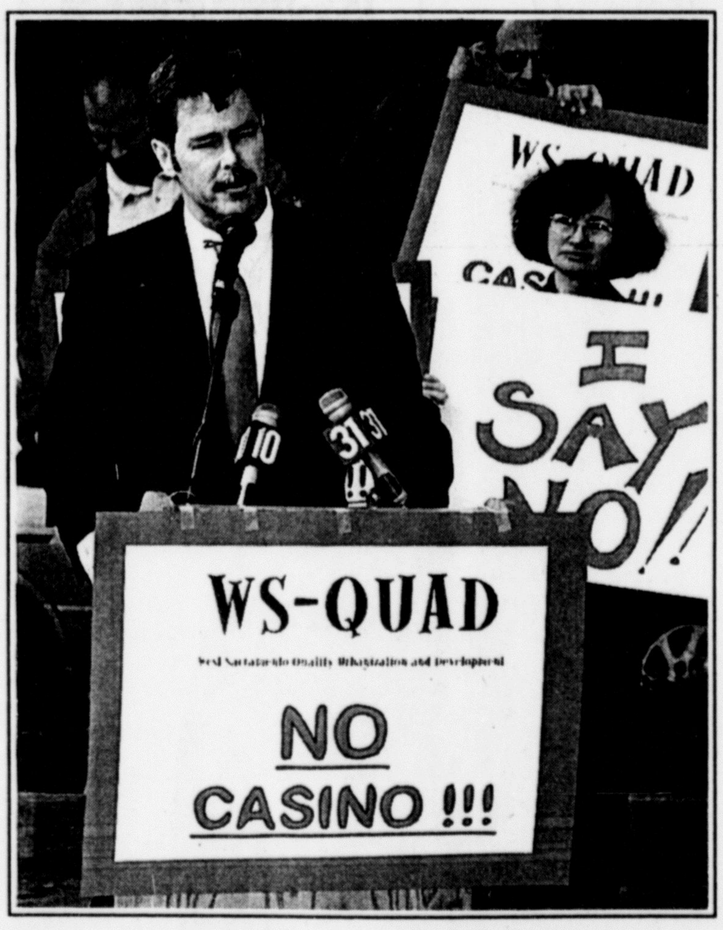
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CASINO from page one



City Councilman Jim Cahill (who ended his term last week) spoke early this year at a rally against the proposed Capitol Resort Casino project. He later supported making a deal with the Upper Lake Pomo band as an "insurance policy" for the city, he explained.
News-Ledger file photo: Barry Blacklaw

said the male witness. "Kristoff and Montemayor were definite 'yeses' and he said 'you have my word on my being the third vote.' Cahill asked him to work on his campaign, saying 'I've seen you be successful getting money – would you be willing to make some phone calls for my campaign?' "

Cahill and Ramos also allegedly talked about the timing of the casino vote, the chances of challenger Kimber Goddard winning election to the council, about Cahill's claim to have raised $7,000 for his campaign war chest thus far, and about other issues, said the man.

Cahill firmly denies the conversation took place. Ramos told the News-Ledger that Cahill supported the casino deal for other reasons, but Ramos was uncertain if the quotes were inaccurate.

"At no time did I meet with (Ramos) and say, 'I will support your project,' " said Cahill. "I did not even talk to him or anybody until August, when I decided to run again. I did not come out for the casino, I just signed on to the deal as an insurance policy."

Ramos wasn't sure if he had met with Cahill on that July 30 date, couldn't verify if Cahill actually made any of those comments.

"He might have had that conversation, I just don't know," said Ramos.

He did recall that Cahill was the one on the council "who got out front and took a stand on things," initially against the casino project.

"We kept saying, 'what are your concerns?' and we stayed persistent," added Ramos. "Then city attorney Bob Murphy prepared a staff report as we were discussing whether to put this casino proposal on the ballot. That's when Jim had a change of heart – he realized this thing had 'legs.' At that time, Jim said he was very interested in getting an agreement done to protect the city's butt."

■ Casino opponent Marc Burgat, a resident of the city's south, said he was not looking at starting a "referendum" process to demand a public vote on the city's deal with the casino.

Derek Backus, president of the WS-QUAD group, said his group is looking at the possibility of a referendum, but hasn't decided.

City clerk Helen Kanowsky said she believes that backers of a referendum have 30 days -- either from the council's action to adopt the agreement, or from Nov. 8, when it became public, she isn't sure -- to submit a petition with the valid signatures of ten percent of the city's registered voters to force a referendum.

That would mean over 1,400 signatures are needed, she said.

CITY HALL from page one

offices in the Civic Center will be completed December 7 when the Community Development department and the Community Services division of Parks and Community Services transfer from 1951 South River Road. The Public Works department and the Parks and Grounds Maintenance operation will remain at the South River Road facility.

The Civic Center's state-of-the-art Council Chambers, located in the adjoining two-story section of the complex, will officially open for the City Council's December 11 meeting. Thereafter, pubic meetings previously scheduled in the Council Chambers on Halyard Drive will move to the new Chambers.

The 64,000 square foot Civic Center will debut with a community open house celebration planned for January 25, 2003.

A long-anticipated addition to the city's central business district, the Civic Center began construction in September 2001. The absence of significant delays enabled the project to remain on schedule and on budget.

Designed by DLR Group--Vitiello and built by Brown Construction of West Sacramento, the new complex consists of two distinct, but connected buildings. The two-story Galleria/Council Chambers features a 5,000 square foot meeting area on the first floor and the 2,000 square foot Council Chambers on the second floor. The second structure is the three-story administration offices with seven departments sharing 45,000 square feet. Using energy-smart technology and design, the Civic Center will be 23 percent more energy efficient than buildings of standard construction.

The move will also necessitate new phone numbers for departments moving into the Civic Center. These numbers will be announced in early December, as the final set of city offices are relocated. In the meantime, calls to resettled city offices will be automatically forwarded to the new location.

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If you don't run your own life, somebody else will.
—John Atkinson
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SPORTS

Raiders win final football game of season

By Olivia De Mars

The River City High School Raiders ended their season on a high note last Friday night by beating the Mira Loma Matadors.

The Raiders defense held Mira Loma's offense after a successful opening game on-side kick by the Matadors and quickly scored as soon as they touched the ball on a 74-yard run by Jason De Mars. Kevin Cheechov's extra point made the score 7-0 and the Raiders never looked back. De Mars scored the team's second touchdown with the help of a block from his younger brother, Michael, and Ricky Bandu's run accounted for the Raider's third touchdown.

Runs by De Mars, Bandu, Justin Hunt and Tony Molina led to River City's four score of the evening, and with Cheechov again kicking the extra point, the Raiders led 27-0. A touchdown pass from Molina to Mike Fonbuena soon followed and River City led at half by a score of 33-0.

When the two teams came out for the second half, the field was engulfed by fog and the spectators had a hard time making out the players on the field. The Raiders managed to score another invisible 13 points to the Matadors 7, leaving the final score of the game at 46-7.

"I'm very proud of this year's team," said Head Coach Brian Watkins, "and it's nice to close out the season with a big victory. The kids played hard all year long and were a lot of fun to coach and I really enjoyed my first year as the head football coach at River City."

***Note:** The News-Ledger wishes to thank correspondent Olivia De Mars for attending all of River City's football games this year and for providing the newspaper with all the scores and details. Job well done, Olivia!*

SPORTS INSIDER

By Rich Novoa

NFL Action

The Oakland Raiders (6-4) gained some sort of revenge on Sunday night with their 27-20 victory over the defending Super Bowl champions. The New England Patriots had their chances to win the game but this time the football bounced in the Raiders direction. The win improves the Silver and Blackouts to 6-4 and just a game behind front-runners San Diego (7-3) and Denver (7-3) in the AFC West.

Quarterback Rich Gannon had another good game. The AFC's leading passer, completed 26 of 38 passes for 297 yards and scored a touchdown. The key to the Raiders success was new mixture of play calling from their offensive coordinator. The Raiders used Garner and Wheatley to keep New England defense off balance. The Patriots didn't have a clue if the Raiders were going to pass or run the football. The Raiders are back in the playoff race as they head to Arizona has 7 point favorites against the Cardinals (1 p.m.-ch. 13). No blackout!

The 49ers (7-3) missed a great opportunity on Sunday to gain ground on the Eagles (7-3), Bucs (8-2) and Packers (8-2) for home field advantage throughout playoffs. The 49ers lost 20-17 in overtime to the Chargers and now head home to host the Philadelphia Eagles on Monday, November 25th.

Speaking of missing, Jose Cortez missed another crucial field goal attempt in the Niners 20-17 loss in San Diego and is back in the Mariucci's doghouse. The 49ers are considering using rookie kicker, Jeff Chandler against the Eagles on Monday night. Cortez won the kicking job in training camp and had put together a string of 13 consecutive fields to start the season. Cortez has now missed four attempts in his last three games and is now 18 for 24 (.750) this season.

Last week I went 2-2 so this week I'll go with the No.1, Miami Hurricanes (-20) at home over Pittsburgh and in the NFL, I like the Saints (NL) at home against the Browns and the "Da Bears" to get well with a home win over the Lions. On Monday night take the 49ers (-7) to bounce back to beat the Eagles.

Kings' Korner

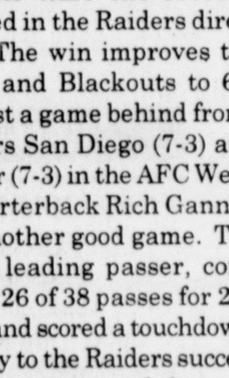
The Sacramento Kings (7-4) are still struggling to win, but the Kings are doing much better than the Shaqless Lakers, who have only won three times while losing seven ballgames. Shaq is preparing to return to their line-up on Friday night against the Bulls.

The Kings will begin a rigorous stretch of 10 games in 16 days that ends Dec. 4th in Denver. The schedule includes two back-to-back games this week and another set next Tuesday night at Cleveland and Wednesday night at Minnesota.

The Kings are still banged up with Turkoglu and Stojakovic playing fewer minutes due to nagging injuries. Mike Bibby is visiting the team doctor this week to exam is broken foot. The Kings are expecting Bibby to return to the line-up around December 14th in Utah.

The Kings are at home on Tuesday against the Bulls then travel to L.A. to play the Clippers. The Kings return home on Friday night to host Phoenix and then flv to Portland (7 p.m.-ch. 31) on Saturday night to play the Trailblazers.

See ya next week!



1. Since baseball went to three divisions in each league in 1994, how many times has a National League Central team appeared in the World Series?
2. Gaylord Perry is the oldest pitcher to win a Cy Young Award (40 years old). Who was the second oldest?
3. In the past 10 AFC Championship Games, how many times has the visiting team won?
4. Who is the only Division I men's basketball coach to have won a national junior college title, an NIT championship and an NCAA title?
5. Name the head coaches the New York Rangers have had since Mike Keenan guided them to the Stanley Cup in 1994.
6. Who won the Daytona 500 with the lowest starting spot?
7. Who was the last woman to win tennis' U.S. Open four times in a row?

Answers On Back Page

Local girls in 'Nutcracker'

Boasting the largest *Nutcracker* cast in the United States and possibly the world, the Sacramento Ballet recently chose four local young ladies to participate in this year's production of the holiday classic. Pictured in the front row are Leah Pate and Breanna Ruvalcaba, and in the back row are Brittany Soto and Katie Feeney.

Over 1000 young people auditioned for the 2002 *Nutcracker*, which will run from December 5-22 at the Sacramento Community Center. For ticket information, call 264-5181.







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News from local artists

By Betty Fairbairn Sokolich

The Plein Air Painters, a group of artists who enjoy painting on location, are exhibiting watercolors at the meeting room of the Turner Library in West Sacramento from now until January 3, 2003. A reception for the public to view the art and meet the artists will be held on December 14th from 2-4 p.m.

A variety of styles and techniques that all share a love of nature and location painting are on display. Included are "Napa Valley #2" where the vineyards of the famous wine country are painted in quiet earth tones, and "Apple Valley", which is the result of a trip to the apple country.

A charming pair of paintings by Ruth McCormich show scenes of a bygone time as reflected by the still standing and used buildings in the quaint town of Mendocino.

Kathy Palmer's abstract painting, "Victorian Maze", uses subtle soft colors overlapping so the viewer is brought into the fascinating search for the different houses and other shapes suggested by the various forms.

An artist's task when painting a huge panorama of nature is to reduce the multitude of details into a two dimensional surface and Delores Sunlay achieves this beautifully in "Palouse", a place in Western Washington.

A favorite place for the Plein Air Painters is Miller Park, and Betty Fairbairn Sokolich's "Marina" is painted from that location. She is also exhibiting "The Fall of Water" as a reminder of the delicious fresh spring water in the foothills, and "Old Ton Reflections", which was painted one hazy day while she was at the West Sacramento River Walk.

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First and foremost, bowling is all about having fun. For many, it's a social activity that happens to include rolling a ball down a lane and knocking down pins. Since it's fun to bowl with friends and family, the appeal is more about social interaction, than the mechanics of the game.

"I like bowling because it's a real break from my everyday routine," said Morgan Hunt of Walnut Creek, California. "It gives me time to relax with my family. We can just show up, unwind and 'roll away' our stress. Everyone can play however they want—anywhere from serious to really silly. We can joke around, make a lot of noise and ham it up without ruffling any feathers."

A change from the more typical movie or dinner, bowling offers the opportunity to get out of the house and have fun together—earning the game a high score from today's busy Americans.

League bowlers have discovered the secret: bowling keeps them connected with friends and family, offers fun, friendly competition and provides a great stress release.

To learn more, visit AMF's Web site at www.amfcenters.com.

TRAVEL TIPS

Outdoor Adventures Abound in Georgia

(NAPS)—Whether by air, land or water, sportsmen are finding that Georgia's diverse landscape offers a variety of unique adventures.

The gateway to the Appalachian Trail, the Peach State is just the place for hikers, bikers and campers to fine-tune their skills while taking in some beautiful mountain scenery.

Hike the challenging eight-mile approach to Springer Mountain, or visit Rock City for a view of seven states at once atop Lovers Leap. Don't forget Tallulah Gorge's newest suspension bridge over Hurricane Falls, the largest of the park's five waterfalls.

Mountain bikers love the switchbacks of Georgia's Bear Creek and Chicopee bike trails, not to mention the historic Bartram Trail, the 23-mile Pine Mountain Trail and the Silver Comet Trail just outside Atlanta.

For the genuine camping experience, visit Cumberland Island. Designated a National Seashore, Cumberland is the state's largest and southernmost barrier island with more than 17 miles of secluded beaches where wildlife roams freely.

Thirsty for adventure? Follow the 137-mile course of the Altamaha River, the second largest watershed on the eastern seaboard and home to more than 130 rare and endangered species. This gentle brook is the ideal spot for a leisurely ride downstream.



Whether you want to stroll through a valley, float down a stream or leap from a ledge, Georgia has just the adventure for you.

For a real thrill, head to the Chattooga River for Class III, IV and V white-water rapids. The tune of "Dueling Banjos" echoes through these woods made famous in *Deliverance*, which was filmed along the river's well-preserved banks. For an up-close encounter of the alligator kind, tour the black waters of the Okefenokee Swamp in Folkston, home to more than 10,000 threatened American alligators.

To see Georgia by air, visit Lookout Mountain Flight Park in Rising Fawn. The park teaches and certifies more hang-glider pilots than any other school in the country and features the most used hang-glider launch in the world and more than 20 miles of scenic, soarable ridge.

Whether you want to stroll through a valley, float down a stream or leap from a ledge, Georgia has the outdoor adventure for you. To learn more, visit http://www.georgiaonmymind.com.

OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial:

Casino: once again -- with the doors open

Nothing has been talked about more in West Sacramento during the past couple of weeks than the city council's approval of a deal with the Upper Lake Band of Pomo Indians and their business associates, who hope to bring a casino and hotel to the city.

There are really three basic questions about this unusual agreement:

- Whether the deal needed to be timed so that the public didn't learn of it until after the local election, but before a new council person could be seated;
- Whether the deal needed to take place behind closed doors, without public review; and
- Whether the final contract was a good deal for the City of West Sacramento, its residents and its taxpayers.

The city council majority of Bill Kristoff, Mark Montemayor and (former councilman) Jim Cahill joined to approve the casino late enough that the decision didn't make waves in the Nov. 5 local election, early enough that a new council member couldn't be seated, and in private. The best available information shows they were wrong to do so.

The action was especially disturbing in that Cahill had been on record against the casino, and Kristoff and Montemayor had told their constituents that they wouldn't support the casino without a public vote.

The three say there was nothing special about the timing of the action and when it became public. Accident or not, though, the timing was indeed special. Had the casino deal become public a little earlier, it might have generated political backlash and fodder to help an anti-casino candidate such as Kimber Goddard get elected on November 5. If the decision were delayed several weeks, pro-deal councilman Jim Cahill would have been replaced by a different (potentially less pro-deal) council member – possibly endangering the three-vote majority necessary to pass this agreement.

At least two of the council members who voted for the casino deal argued that the federal government might settle a case with the Pomos at any moment, giving the tribe entitlement to the West Sacramento property and leaving the city in a dangerous position. With no deal signed, the city would have a poor chance of getting recompense from the project for its impacts after the casino was already approved.

But this argument appears weak – the federal court case was in a six-week continuance (after months of litigation) and an imminent settlement seems unlikely. There was probably no reason to hurry.

A couple of the council members also argued that the deal had to be negotiated in private, without the public getting a look at the terms of the contract before the council adopted it. This argument, too, fails to hold water. Various council members disagree on whom is to blame for the secrecy of this process, but the fact is that the deal could have been negotiated in private and then voted on in public, taking into consideration public comments. This is, for example, how the city council handles negotiated contracts with its own fire and police unions – back-room negotiations are followed by a chance for public input before a final vote.

Does the casino agreement – with all its massive potential impacts on the city and its image – deserve less public input?

This missing public review could have been helpful. The signed agreement contains dangerous-looking terms regarding the tribe's right to cancel payments to the city, the tribe's ability to ignore some local campaign contribution laws, and the city's responsibility to pay for impacts of the casino on the County of Yolo's social services and court systems, for example. Terms such as these are worthy of debate.

Plenty of blame has been thrown around about how this vote came to occur how it did and when it did. In the end, though, all of that is irrelevant. What counts is that it was handled the wrong way.

This needs to be corrected – be it by a joint agreement between the city and casino proponents to revisit this contract, or by a referendum of the citizens of West Sacramento.

Letters to the Editor

Open up Park Boulevard

During the campaign against Measure L, the city council, the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, and the Longshoreman's Union out of San Francisco expressed great angst about the traffic situation going to and from the southern part of West Sacramento. Flyers sent out by the Longshoreman's Union warned that if Measure L were to pass, West Sacramento would have the busiest turn lanes in the entire United States.

During the campaign, many residents in all parts of West Sacramento expressed the need for more retail businesses within the city. Having to go back and forth to Sacramento to buy clothes, sporting goods, to go to the movies, etc., only makes the traffic situation worse. Besides, Sacramento gets a portion of the sales tax from those purchases and West Sacramento gets zippo!

Here's a suggestion that would greatly reduce the traffic on Jefferson Boulevard.

About ten years ago, the city council voted to build the Daniel Palamidessi Bridge so that more homes could be built south of the barge canal. Building the second bridge was a safety requirement because the only access to the southern part of the city was the Jefferson Boulevard bridge, the site of several traffic accidents and one train derailment. However, since Mike McGowan, Ray Jones, Bill Kristoff and Greg Potnick (all city councilmen at the time) all lived on or in close proximity to Park Boulevard, they made sure that the bridge was not accessible from Park Boulevard. They didn't want the traffic going past their homes and the homes of those who financed their campaigns. They authorized building the bridge only if the bridge access was from Harbor Boulevard.

Park Boulevard is a four lane, very wide street that is almost in perfect alignment with the Palamidessi Bridge. If the city council would authorize completing access to the bridge from Park, it would immediately drop a great deal of the traffic currently using Jefferson Boulevard and would eliminate West Sacramento from having the busiest turn lane in the United States.

Since the city council voted to build the bridge in the first place, to open up the southern part of the city to more development, it only seems right that they would open up Park Boulevard to provide easier access for all those individuals and families who bought new homes there.

Having dealt with the city government in the past, I suspect they will come up with a raft of excuses for not opening up Park Boulevard. Just to help head off the excuses, it should be noted that there is no issue of the port's rail spur. This is the same rail line that now crosses Jefferson Boulevard, so building another grade-level crossing shouldn't be an insurmountable problem and certainly won't make traffic congestion any worse. In addition, there would likely be a need to have one or two traffic lights on Park Boulevard, but again, a city council truly concerned with the traffic in West Sacramento will find the money needed to make these changes.

As for additional retail stores in West Sacramento, it is time that the city council stops protecting the old boys network of family businesses and begins to address the concerns of

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF MARGARET ANN CLARK CASE NUMBER PB02-278

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Margaret Ann Clark:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Anita Russell in the Superior Court of Yolo, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Anita Russell & Steven Russell be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Dec. 20, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. at Dept. 5 at Yolo County Superior Court, 725 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

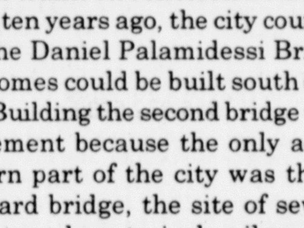
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner:
/s/Anita Leigh Russell
2884 Canvasback Way
West Sacramento CA 95691
(916) 374-0573

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 05-TI-28199 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/2/1994. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On July 17, 2002, at 12:00 PM, AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL, 1350 HALYARD DRIVE, in the City of WEST SACRAMENTO, County of YOLO, State of CALIFORNIA, REGIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, a California corporation, as duly appointed Trustee under that certain Deed of Trust executed by MICHAEL W. PRUITT AND LESLIE V. PRUITT, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Trustors, recorded on 9/9/1994, as Instrument No. 028379, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of YOLO County, State of CALIFORNIA, under the power of sale therein contained, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, for cash, or cashier's check (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States) without warranty express or implied as to title, use, possession or encumbrances, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it as such Trustee, in and to the following described property situated in the aforesaid County and State, to-wit: TAX PARCEL NO. 45-381-21-1 From information which the Trustee deems reliable, but for which Trustee makes no representation or warranty, the street address or other common designation of the above described property is purported to be 2833 HIGGINS ROAD , WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691. Said property is being sold for the purpose of paying the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, including fees and expenses of sale. The total amount of the unpaid principal balance, interest thereon, together with reasonably estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Trustee's Sale is $130,968.01. Dated: 6/20/2002 REGIONAL SERVICE CORPORATION, Trustee By CHRIS REBHUHN, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Agent for Trustee: AGENCY SALES AND POSTING 8801 Folsom Blvd., #230 Sacramento, CA 95826 Telephone Number: (800) 542-2550 Sale Information: (916) 387-7728 or http://www.rtrustee.com ASAP505794 11/06, 11/13, 11/20



Hares are not true rabbits. In general, hares are larger and usually have longer ears and legs.

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Books must follow sciences, and not sciences books.

—Francis Bacon

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Oct. 30, 2002
File No. 2002-884

The following person is doing business as The Home Improvement Company, 2580 Lagoon Lane, West Sacramento, CA95691.

This business is conducted by Frank Crandall, same address.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/28/02.

/s/Frank D. Crandall

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Oct 28, 2002
by: /s/Frank D. Crandall, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 4, 2002
File No. 2002-892

The following person is doing business as Rick's Chevron, 1015 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sacramento, CA 95691.

Vichai Arunyakasem, 4360 S. River Rd., W. Sacramento, CA 95691.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1999. Previous fictitious business name number 97-710.

/s/Vichai Arunyakasem

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov 4, 2002
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Nov 8, 2002
File No. 2002-905

The following person is doing business as 24 Hour Construction & Repair, 630 2nd St., Davis CA 95616:

Dan Holder, 630 2nd St., Davis CA 95616; Boschken, Inc., 630 2nd St., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2/1/2000.

/s/Steve Boschken

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Tony Bernhard, County Clerk
Date: Nov 8, 2002
by: /s/Kimberly Weisenburg, Deputy Clerk

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO
In the Matter of ADRIAN JAMES VALDEZ, Minor.
No. JV-01-00254
CITATION

TO: All persons claiming to be the father of the above named minor.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on January 15, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in Department 4. At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor born to Nina Alicia Valdez on June 11, 2001. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will provide an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 10/30/2002
Donna M. Petre
JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER PT02-1925
In Re the Matter of Robert Jon Knudsen

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner Robert Jon Knudsen III filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names to Robert Dominic Bregante.

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Dec. 19, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 5, Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 725 Court St., Room 103, Woodland, CA 95695.

A coy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for the hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county: News-Ledger, 816 Westacre Rd., West Sacramento, California 95691

Date: 11/7/02
/s/Timothy L. Fall
Judge of the Superior Court

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The time to stop a revolution is at the beginning, not the end.

—Adlai Stevenson

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Rumor is a pipe blown by surmises, jealousies, conjectures.

—William Shakespeare

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NOTICE OF AUCTION SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a mobilehome, registered to Eva Elaine Miles, with interested party, Janet Bleiler, and described as a 1966 Fuqua Twin Mansion, Decal Number LAP5788, Serial Numbers XXS2444/XXUS2444, Label/Insignia Numbers 158912/158911, and stored on property within the Casa Mobile Park, at 1050 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, County of Yolo, California 95691 (specifically the space designated as 1050 W. Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, Space 14, within the park), will be sold by auction at the mobilehome park at the Casa Mobile Park at 1050 W. Capitol Avenue, Space 14, within the park), on December 12, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., and such succeeding sales days as may be necessary, and the proceeds of the sales will be applied to the satisfaction of the lien, including the reasonable charges of notice, advertisement, and sale.

This sale is conducted on a cash or certified fund basis only (cash, cashier's check or travelers checks only). Personal checks and/or business checks are not acceptable. Payment is due and payable immediately following the sale. No exceptions. The mobilehome and/or contents are sold as is, where is, with no guarantees.

This sale under authority of California Civil Code 798.56a and Commercial Code 7210. Don Mickel, Auctioneer, Bond Number SUR 292693, (Telephone (916) 972-7989) will be conducting this sale.

Unless a written waiver is received from management/plaintiff, the mobilehome and contents must be removed from the present location within 10 days.

DATED: October 30, 2002
/s/R. Jack Frost
Attorney at Law
1409 28th Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95816
(916) 452-8343

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I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past.

—Thomas Jefferson

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PAGE FROM THE PAST

WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS

Sacramento River registered 9 ft. 5 in., U. S. gauge at the S. P. bridge yesterday. About a quarter of an inch of rain fell during the past week, making a total for the season to this date 13.96 inches, or very close to normal. With this rainfall excellent crops are promised throughout Yolo County, in fact throughout the Sacramento Valley.

A musical entertainment is to be given in the town hall tonight by Walter and Mrs. Nellie Haggard. These people are both blind and are making their way through the world by entertainments of this character. During the war they lectured all through the camps, entertaining the soldier boys and although perfectly blind they are said to render an excellent evening of entertainment, by those who have seen and heard them.

Another dance will be held Saturday night in the town hall, this time to be known as a hard times dance when everybody will be welcomed in their old clothes and hats, but not with their old shoes. A ban has been placed on the wearing of old shoes, so that the ladies may not get their toes mangled during the evening. The dance held last Saturday night under the auspices of Fire Commissioner Lear and D. Pellini was a very enjoyable affair with a large crowd present to respond to the jazz music that was furnished by a good band. During the evening refreshments will be served in the way of soft drinks but not intoxicants of any character will be permitted in the hall or outside of it by Constable Buckingham. Ladies are admitted free to these dances and the charge of admission for men is only 50 cents.

Roses, Flowering Acacia Trees, Evergreens, Shrubs, Shade and Fruit Trees. Largest assortment in Sacramento Valley. Write for price list. GRAY NURSERIES, Donly Gray, Mgr., Marysville, Calif.

At the meeting of the Fire Trustees last Monday evening a resolution was passed to purchase 250 feet of fire hose for the hose cart in Washington. The old hose has started to leak and may become useless at any fire in the near future. The Trustees did not want to run any risk of this character and took steps to invest $225 for the benefit of home owners in the town.

Prohibition Officers Greer and Plant conducted a raid yesterday afternoon at the Washington Hotel, but no intoxicants were found on the premises except a bottle of white wine that was purchased before prohibition was enacted and was hidden away in a wood box by some previous tenant of the property. W. J. Campbell and D. Pellini were notified to appear before Federal Commissioner John Q. Brown, Jr., in Sacramento Saturday.

Last Saturday the boys of the Washington Star Club played with the All Stars of Sacramento at South Side Park and after a vigorous game the score resulted in a tie. Saturday night a basketball game was played in the Y. M. C. A. by the same teams, when the Washington Star Club boys beat them.

5,000 Choice Tuscan Cling Peach Trees at reduced prices. J. C. Scroggs Nursery Co., Third and I streets, Sacramento.

Next Saturday morning at McKinley Park, the baseball team of the Washington Star Club will play a game with Troop No. 2 of the Westminster Presbyterian Church Boy Scouts. This is expected to be a lively game as the Washington boys are beginning to feel they can meet better and stronger competitors.

Postmaster Bennetts has made another addition to the box department of the Broderick postoffice, and even before the addition was installed every new box was rented.

Last Saturday afternoon at "death curve" (Fifth and Ann Streets) an automobile carrying a Colorado license number and occupied by two men turned off the embankment and was wrecked in the gully west of the roadway. Both front wheels were smashed to timber and the steering gear was knocked completely out of joint. The two occupants were pinned underneath the car but when extricated were found to be unhurt. Had the men been sober they would surely have been killed. God takes care of His own.

Sunday forenoon an automobile mechanic, driving home to the Monument Ranch Mike Steinauer's Dodge roadster, became confused on the road near Rose Orchard and drove off the embankment. He had just repaired the car and was taking it to its owner, but after trying to knock over a large oak tree he decided it was better to return the Dodge for further repairs. He was also returned to a Sacramento hospital for personal attention because in the melee he fractured a leg.

The steamer Red Bluff is on the ways of the Sacramento Transportation Company undergoing repairs and a large force of men is working on it getting it ready for summer transportation on the river. The steamer Sentinel is waiting on the river until the Red Bluff is launched. The latter was sunk some time ago up stream but has been partially repaired until complete renovation is made.

Russell Crase was down from Grass Valley yesterday to visit relatives and friends around Washington. He was accompanied by his uncle and wife. They returned yesterday evening.

Rev. Father Marcucci announces Lenten services at the Catholic Church at Washington and Bryte as follows: Every Friday evening at 7:30 there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction at Washington. Every Sunday evening the regular services will be held as usual. At the Bryte Catholic Church there will be Stations of the Cross every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Eugene have returned from Hanford, where they have been spending the past three weeks.

Mrs. Frank De Riso has returned from a short trip to Oakland, where she has been visting friends.

Mrs. J. G. Soule was taken seriously ill Sunday and was removed to the Sisters' Hospital in Sacramento.

Lester Strater is spending a few days in San Francisco atending to business interests and visiting with friends.

The Parent-Teacher Association announces that there will be no dances in the school house until March 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Strader of San Diego were in the city to attend the funeral of Charles Hunt.

Mrs. A. A. Dassonville spent Tuesday in Oakland, visting friends and attending to personal business affairs.

E. I. Hanson was a week-end visitor in Oakland as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Painter, who expect to leave shortly for New York.

Miss Ethel Cook returned to Napa after spending the week-end in Washington.

14 Milk Goats (8 Nannies, 6 Kids) all for $50.00. See them at Sharp Ranch, 2 miles north of Winters. A great bargain.

Prizes for the best costumes will be given at the masquerade ball which will be given February 22nd at the town hall by the Fire Commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilson, Charles Fay and Charles Todhunter motored to Healdsburg for a short visit last Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Ferbini of Suisun came up to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Caffaro. Caffaro, who has been seriously ill for some time, was taken to San Francisco for treatment at the Southern Pacific Hospital last Saturday.

Mrs. M. K. Noyes has returned from a trip to San Francisco.

Mrs. Catherine Saddler is ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Gale.

Mrs. A. M. Cameron, who has been confined to her home due to a sprained ankle, is able to move about with the aid of a cane.

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SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED BY MARTY FAMILY

On the evening of Tuesday, February 6th, Mr. and Mrs. Antone Marty celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at their home on the Monument Ranch, six miles north of Washington.

Eighty invited guests filled the ample rooms of the Marty home and a wedding feast that burdened great tables was cooked in such bounteous measure that every guest left the Marty home blessing their host for the magnificent feed they had enjoyed.

The celebration was a grand home affair with many guests from outside points even as far north as Red Bluff and as far south as Bakersfield.

Sacramento citizens predominated among those invited and among others might be mentioned Wm. Trust and Rev. Father Marcucci.

An old and reliable member of the Marty family who has been with them since their first wedding day, Mike Steinauer, was chief cook for the occasion. Over a broiling fire in the kitchen filled with good things he stood all day cooking turkey and chicken to his inimitable taste and to say that the guests enjoyed these things would be putting it mildly.

Mr. and Mrs. Marty were recipients of many beautiful mementoes given to them on this occasion.

Although Steinauer worked hard to do justice to his duties he left the home immediately following the dinner to see that the cows pasturing at Dunnigan were being properly taken care of by the men in charge of the Dunnigan Ranch.

SCHOOL STATEMENTS MADE BY VAN TASSEL ARE CONTRADICTED

West Sacramento, Calif.,
February 15, 1923.

Dear Sir: In your issue of February 10th apepared an article which purported to be a correction of statements previously published in reference to the Riverside School. As a usual thing a correction is presupposed to be correct, but in this instance the so-called correction needs both correction and comment, in order to put the matter of the school properly before the reading public. As the writer of that communication has, for more than two years, neither lived in the Sacramento River district nor taken any interest in its affairs, it is only to be expected that the communication should contain inaccuracies.

It is conceded that the first statement in regard to the school was incorrect in some particulars. The building was erected for a school twenty-five or thirty years ago and was well situated with regard to the center of population, and entirely adequate for the needs of the district, but times have changed most materially. The center of population has moved from the river to the center of the district, and of necessity the school will follow. It is true there is more than one child in the immediate vicinity of the present site but of the forty-six enrolled only eight come from east of the railroad, and none will have to come from a greater distance for the new site than for the present site.

To those who are familiar with the present conditions, it is a known fact that the teacher does leave her automobile parked on Jefferson Boulevard near the church, walks from that point to the railroad and rides the balance of the way in the school bus.

Suggestion that the future may see the need of a school on the river front can be very properly answered by the argument used by your correspondent some two years ago, when an effort was made to consolidate the Riverview school district with the Washington school district. At that time he was a very ardent worker for fewer schools but better ones. If an effort to consolidate schools so widely separated as the Broderick school and the Riverview school was deemed worthy of support, why consider anything except consolidation for the future?

The building is in a deplorable condition and should have been abandoned five years ago. The present Board of Trustees, as well as the teacher, has done all that is possible to protect the school property since it was turned over to them, but it was then in such an advanced state of dilapidation that re-building was the only solution.

Anyone who is familiar with the Riverview district knows that the school in its present location does not serve the majority of the people and it is further inadequate because there are some forty-six children crowded in one room with one teacher trying to do them justice, a number far in excess of the number specified in the school law.

The matter of location was taken care of by the election recently held, and the bond issue to provide funds for the erection of a modern two-room building is to be voted upon on March 10th. It is expected and hoped that the bond issue will carry, as it will be the best way to finance the new building, but if the election should fail, the money can and will be raised by direct tax, which will of course make a heavier burden upon the taxpayer.

Rather apart from the subject at hand, it would be interesting to know from what motives springs the interest of your correspondent, as he resides outside of the Riverview district, as the result of a petition to the Board of Supervisors to change the boundaries of the Washington school district so as to include in that district the Van Tassel property.

Thanking you for this opportunity to present our case to the public, we are,

Respectfully,
J. H. BRYAN,
M. M. TEIXEIRA,
MRS. G. SILLANO,
Trustees Sacramento River District.

THREE HOURS' SICKNESS WITH HEART TROUBLE TOOK CHARLES HUNT

Last Saturday, February 10, at 11 p. m., Charley Hunt was around town, jovially passing time with many old friends, and three hours later his remains were taken to an undertaking parlor. He succumbed to heart trouble.

Hunt had been a resident of Washington during the past fifteen years and was a native of Sacramento. He was 62 years and eight months old at the date of his death, and was a member of Red Jacket Tribe and of Metamora Council, Improved Order of Red Men.

Charley Hunt was a jovial, sociable man of many excellent qualities. He attended strictly to his own affairs, never interfering with others and permitting others to do just as they saw fit so long as they did not interfere with him personally. Several years ago he was married and leaves a daughter, Ruth Hunt, and a sister, Mrs. Hattie Beattie, and a brother, Robert Hunt of Sacramento. His funeral, which was very largely attended by friends and relatives, took place last Tuesday from the Garlick Undertaking Home in Sacramento, and interment was in the family plot in the City Cemetery.

MUCH NEEDED IMPROVEMENT MADE AT RAILROAD CROSSING

At the crossing of the San Francisco and Sacramento R. R. between the State highway in West Sacramento and West Sacramento headquarters a badly needed repair job has been done by the section foreman, William J. Trefon.

A few weeks ago this paper complained about this crossing because the steel tracks protruded several inches above the surrounding gravel forming a veritable menace to rubber tires as well as steel rims.

Mr. Trefon's attention was called to this condition and he immediately set his gang to make the necessary repairs. Residents of the district are wondering what benign notion overtook the railroad authrities to perform this necessary repair work.

CLAIMS ALLOWED BY YOLO SUPERVISORS

At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors in Woodland on February 5th, the following claims were allowed:

Road District No. 1.

Bochenck, J., rdwk	$ 20.00
Blackington, E. L., rdwk	89.25
Bryan, J. H., rdwk	78.00
Crenshaw, T. P., rdwk	125.13
Curts, S. C., rdwk	165.75
Herington, W. J., rdwk	14.00
Hardcastle, Walter, rdwk	79.75
Kroninger, John, payroll	96.82
King, W., rdwk	194.50
Leinberger, H. Jr., rdwk	12.25
Marston, J. L., rdwk	125.13
McDonough, M., rdwk	165.75
Pac. Gas & Elec. Co., street lights	123.49
Richard, G. R., blacksmith	5.75
Rollins, F. A., rdwk	55.12
Silva Bros., rdwk	87.50
Scriber, L., rdwk	420.00
White, E. C., rdwk	66.50

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If you should stop in to Mail Boxes, Etc., be sure to say "hello" to Lindsay, the very accommodating young lady who helps me make copies.

Here's what's happening around town for the holidays:

The Idle Hour will have Thanksgiving and free Christmas turkey dinners, and a New Year's party with a band and dancing. 372-0248.

Mecca Club will have a free Thanksgiving dinner at 2 p.m. and a free Christmas dinner at 3 p.m., plus a great New Year's party. 371-0538.

Westside Pub & Grill will be closed for both Thanksgiving and Christmas, with a special menu for New Year's Eve. Special dinners are two for one: prime rib and scampi or steak & scampi, both $40; chicken marsala $14.95; salmon $12.95; and prime rib, $14.95. All with all the trimmings and, of course, champagne. 372-8897.

Brick Shot House has a free Thanksgiving, free Mexican dinner for Christmas, and a New Year's bash with appetizers. 372-8070.

Vince's Restaurant will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, and from Dec. 23 to Jan. 6. But don't despair, during this holiday season, book a party and enjoy their banquet menu. Lunch banquet specials include veal parmigiana, $11.50; special steak sandwich, $11.50; Italian chicken sandwich, $10.95; lasagna, $10.95; and a prawn plate for $11.50 per person. The price includes the trimmings as well as the tax and tip. Dinner banquet specials are prime rib, sirloin steak, deep fried prawns, chicken cacciatore, and lasagna, including all the trimmings and tax and tip for $17.89 per person. That's a hard-to-beat deal! 371-6395.

Nick's Diner will be closed for both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Morrison's in Woodland will be open Thanksgiving from noon to 7 p.m. Christmas dinner will be the same, and once again a huge celebration at the Woodland Hotel on New Year's Eve. (530) 666-6176.

Sail Inn on Jefferson will open at 5 p.m. Thanksgiving Day for a tree-trimming party with Santa's Elves. 371-0981.

Gorman's in Yolo will be closed Thanksgiving and Christmas days, but are planning a fantastic dinner for New Year's Eve and a party. (530) 662-6889.

I mentioned a Reno fun trip last week in my column. The details:

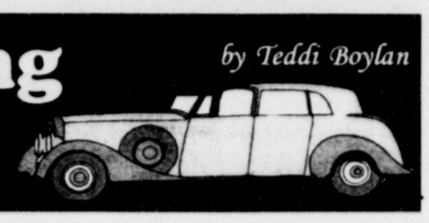
The weekend fun trip will be Friday, March 21, through Sunday, March 23. Price of $225 includes round-trip train to Reno from Sacramento and return; meals on board Friday and Sunday, two nights' hotel including tax, a Harrah's show two-for-one, and a winner's book of valuable coupons including some on meals, drinks and more.

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$100 deposit will secure reservations for one. Balance due by Jan. 15. Double occupancy rooms. Call Teddi, 372-5110.

Touring with Teddi

by Teddi Boylan



Somewhere, sometime, somehow, someone changed the eastern traditional holidays of Halloween and Thanksgiving around. When I first came to California, it was like taking a trip through time and coming out in the future. I'm sure those of you who came to California more than 30 years ago will remember the way it was back then.

We didn't "trick or treat" for Halloween – we dressed up in costumes and attended parties. When we were very young, we bobbed for apples that had coins hidden in them, and sat around shivering, eating cake and ice cream, while listening to a storyteller spin their webs of ghosts and goblins. When we were older – 13 and up – we continued with masquerade parties, only now trying to take a bite of an apple on a string while opposed by a member of the opposite sex. We also had the inevitable scavenger hunt – a group of two or three were given a list of items to get – a set of false teeth; a picture with five or more people in it; a pair of pants with a 46-inch waist – well, you get the picture. First to return to the party with the goods won a prize.

We also did a lot of mischief – soaping windows, hiding garbage cans, knocking on doors and disappearing. Nothing violent, just clean fun.

For Thanksgiving, which was usually kind of nippy, we would go begging. We got out of early to watch preparations being made for the big feast: turkey and turnips and mince pie, pumpkin and apple pie would lend their aroma to the air. After a hearty breakfast (we didn't eat dinner till 5 or 6 p.m.), we'd dress as ragamuffinish as we could and with our best friend embark on our "anything for Thanksgiving?" journey.

We'd carry large paper sacks into which the apples, nuts, candy and occasional penny would go. I think one of the best parts of Thanksgiving was the luscious smells emanating from every house of every ethnic background. Halivah, baklava, strudel and cupcakes went into our sacks. In the true tradition of Pilgrims and Indians, people shared their bounty with us "little folk."

We became much too grown-up at 13 to go begging, but when I took my children around on Halloween, I realized what they were missing.

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ORDINANCE NO. 02-20
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO LEVYING AND APPORTIONING THE SPECIAL TAX IN THE CITY OF WEST SACRAMENTO COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT F (PHEASANT HOLLOW) AS PROVIDED IN RESOLUTION NO. 02-87

WHEREAS, the City Council (the "Council") of the City of West Sacramento (the "City") has established the City of West Sacramento Community Facilities District F (the "District") pursuant to Resolution No. 02-87 (the "Resolution of Formation"), duly adopted on October 16, 2002, for the purpose of providing for the financing of certain services in and for the District; and

WHEREAS, at an election held in the District on October 22, 2002, the qualified electors of the District authorized the levy of the special tax described in the Resolution of Formation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of West Sacramento does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. All of the above recitals are true and correct, and the Council so finds and determines.

Section 2. Levy of Special Tax. Pursuant to Section 53340 of the Government Code of the State of California and Chapter 3.32 of the City Municipal Code, the special tax is hereby levied at the maximum rates and apportioned in the manner specified in the Resolution of Formation.

Section 3. Collection of Special Tax. Pursuant to Section 53340 of the Government Code of the State of California, the special tax shall be collected by the Yolo County Tax Collector in the same manner as ordinary *ad valorem* property taxes are collected and shall be subject to the same procedure, sale, and lien priority in case of delinquency as is provided for ad valorem taxes; provided, however, that the Special Tax may alternately be billed directly and collected on a different schedule, such as on a monthly or other periodic basis, or in a different manner, if necessary, to meet the City's financial obligations.

Section 4. Claims for Refund. Claims for refund of the tax shall comply with the following and any additional procedures as established by the Council:

(a) All claims shall be filed with the City Clerk no later than one year after the date the tax was paid. The claimant shall file the claim within this time period and the claim shall be finally acted upon by the Council as a prerequisite to bringing suit thereon.

(b) Pursuant to Government Code section 935(b), the claim shall be subject to the provisions of Government Code sections 945.6 and 946.

(c) The Council shall act on a timely claim within the time period required by Government Code section 912.4.

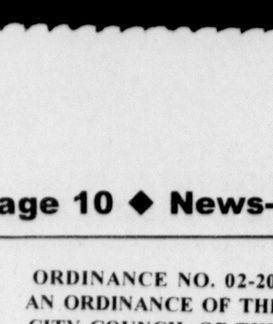
(d) The procedure described in this Ordinance, and any additional procedures established by the Council, shall be the exclusive claims procedure for claimants seeking a refund of the tax. The decision of the Council shall be final.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance, as an ordinance levying a tax for the usual and current expenses of the City, is an urgency ordinance and shall take effect immediately.

Section 6. Publication of Ordinance. The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause this Ordinance to be published within fifteen (15) days after its adoption in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of West Sacramento on November 6, 2002, by the following vote:
AYES: Cabaldon, Cahill, Montemayor, Villegas, Kristoff
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
/s/William H. Kristoff, Mayor
ATTEST: /s/Helen M. Kanowsky, City Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM: /s/ Robert E. Murphy, City Attorney
UNCODIFY
Nov 20

Reward in unsolved killing



Daniel S. Martinez

The family of murder victim Daniel S. Martinez has offered a $5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the crime.

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Martinez was killed June 13 in West Sacramento.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION PREPARED FOR THE JEFFERSON BOULEVARD WIDENING PROJECT

A Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the Jefferson Boulevard Fwidening Project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed project in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Copies of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for public review and comment at the Community Development Department located at 1951 South River Road, West Sacramento, California 95691 (telephone: [916] 373-5854). The document is also available at the Turner Library located at 1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento, California.

The proposed project would widen a 2.58-mile segment of Jefferson Boulevard from two to four lanes between Stone Boulevard and Marshall Road, upgrade and signalize existing intersections, install a new fixed-span bridge over the Yolo Barge Canal to serve southbound traffic, and modify the existing bascule bridge to serve northbound traffic. The project would also modify the existing storm drainage system along Jefferson Boulevard by culverting existing open drainages and expanding the Morton-Blacker Canal crossing at Jefferson Boulevard. These improvements are intended to improve traffic flow through the Southport Area and provide infrastructure improvements necessary to allow development under the Southport Framework Plan. The proposed project is a reduced-scale version of a project previously evaluated in a 1996 Environmental Assessment/Initial Study (EA/IS) that was never constructed.

The Community Development Department requests your comments on the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration during the 30-day public review period, which begins on November 20, 2002, and closes on December 19, 2002. Written comments must be postmarked by December 19, 2002, and addressed as follows:

Sandra J. White, Senior Planner
Community Development Department
1951 South River Road
West Sacramento, CA 95691

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NOTICE OF HEARING DECEMBER 5, 2002

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, December 5, 2002, at West Sacramento Police Department, 550 Jefferson Boulevard, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.
Zoning Administrator (ZA) Actions
Item #1
Ramos Landscape Substitution

The applicant is requesting a landscape substitution for a new office building at 1355 Halyard Drive, on a site developed with an existing restaurant. (DT)

Regular Agenda
Item #2
Curves for Women Conditional Use Permit (CUP 02-10)

The applicant is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to operate a health club. The property is located at 1001 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 600 (APN# 58-014-05) and is zoned C-2 (Community Commercial). A Categorical Exemption has been filed on the project. OWNER: Vichai Arunyakasem, 1001 Jefferson Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691. APPLICANT: Hubbard & Scofield, LLC, 1067 C Street, #112, Galt, CA 95612.

Item #3
Workshop on Proposed Changes to the West Sacramento Zoning Ordinance

Staff, after consultation with the Zoning Task Force and neighborhood groups, is proposing several changes to the Zoning Ordinance. These changes include changes to the definition of home occupation, circumstances which automatically trigger a conditional use, fences, signs in the public right of way, required parking spaces, minimum lot size for secondary units, swimming pools, reduction of the time period for buildings occupied for non-conforming uses. This will be the first of two workshops to go over the proposed changes. (SR)

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Nov 20



NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
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On December 11, 2002 at 12:00 PM, LoanStar Mortgagee Services, L.L.C., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded August 27, 1998, as Instrument No. 024792, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Yolo County, State of California. Executed by Hector A. Pulido, and Rocelia Ramirez, husband and wife and Salvador Sanchez, an unmarried man Will Sell at Public Auction to Highest Bidder for Cash, Cashier's check/Cash equivalent or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) At the main entrance to the City Hall, 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, CA All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As more fully described in the above mentioned Deed of Trust. APN# 014-255-14-1
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The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. F-28681-CA-NF Loan No. 0003674013 You are in default under a Deed of Trust dated 6/17/1996. Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at public sale. If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceeding against you, you should contact a lawyer. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Beneficiary may elect to bid less than the total amount due. Trustor: Rosemary Leak, as her sole and separate property Duly Appointed Trustee: Quality Loan Service Corp. Recorded 6/25/1996 as Instrument No. 96-0015442-00 in book ***, page *** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Yolo County, California, Date of Sale: 12/11/2002 at 12:00 PM Place of Sale: At the main entrance to the City Hall, 1350 Halyard Drive, West Sacramento, California Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $94,405.60 Street Address or, other common designation of real property: 1425 Lisbon Street, West Sacramento, Ca 95605. A.P.N.: 014-351-07-1 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. **Quality Loan Service Corp.**, 319 Elm Street, 2nd Floor, San Diego, CA 92101-3006 916-387-7728 For Sale information, (619) 645-7711 For NON SALE information only Susan Hurley, Trustee Sale Officer Date: 11-19-02
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LETTERS from page seven

the city's residents. The old boys network is costing the city in sales tax revenues that could be used to help improve West Sacramento.

What'll it be? Samo-samo, or real improvements for the city?

NORM MASTERS
Yuba City (former resident of West Sacramento for 17 years)

In support of the casino

The mayor of West Sacramento gets my vote for signing off on the casino agreement which will guarantee six million dollars the first year and 14 million in later years.

Once construction gets under way, a second phase of the agreement could successfully address the specific needs of schools and social services and law enforcement in West Sacramento.

A future city council meeting with all parties to negotiate the best interest for the community would be a welcome idea. Why would anyone want to overturn this agreement? You can not stop modernization in West Sacramento, not now, tomorrow or in the future!

CHARLES SANO
West Sacramento

Casino vote

Although the casino was approved (3-2) by the West Sac City Council (in closed session), it must still be approved by state and federal authorities. I protested the lack of public input and that the casino issue was to have been put to a vote of the people first. County Supervisor Mike McGowan protested the approval on that note and that neither Yolo County nor the Washington Unified School District was allowed any input. And the early word is that Gov. Davis is opposed to a Nevada-style casino within West Sac's city limits, too.

If I understand correctly, federal law and state law permits the various Indian tribes to built "limited gaming casinos" in unincorporated areas of counties where they can establish ancestral rights to that land. But to build a Nevada-style casino in West Sac (or any other California city) would not only require approval of state and federal authorities, but there would be tremendous pressure to update existing casinos that now allow limited gambling to allow those casinos to become Nevada-style, too. And then they would be under pressure across the river to have Sacramento become Reno-style as a permanent means of overcoming the state's $20 billion deficit, bringing roads up to standard, and so on. That would require changing the state's constitution, which should also include permanent payback of $2.8 billion in annual budgets to local governments by the state for our community colleges (by our previous Gov. Wilson, to balance that and future state budgets).

But California having Nevada-style casinos, besides reducing travel between Reno and South Lake Tahoe (and associated travel pollution) and adversely affecting businesses in Nevada and in between raises another serious question: Are the Indian tribes ready and willing to relinquish their exclusive rights to operate gambling casinos here in California and allow competition, Nevada-style, statewide and nationwide? And look for strong opposition from Nevada.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

Majority should rule

And so it begins.

The "will" of the majority (as expressed by our currently elected representatives) is being challenged by the "won't" of the minority. How, you may ask? Why, in the time-honored manner of malcontents everywhere -- "we'll sue!"

After all, it's not their money that will go to the lawyers on both sides, but rather, it's our own hard-earned, about-to-be-misspent tax money that will pay for this fine fit of pique. How piquant of them (in the archaic sense of the word, that is).

Between the "Gubenor's" recent rantings and the grousing of some on our city council, it seems that, once again, we will be subject to an endless parade of legal and political maneuvering; costing much, yet accomplishing little of real substance.

Let me put it plainly: while it is said that "politics make strange bedfellows," how does a "pact with the devil" strike you? While there are many who are honestly against sin in general, and gambling in particular, there are many more who have no opposition to "minor" sins at all.

Now, do you truly believe the "gaming industry" (as they like to be known) is not pulling out all the stops in opposing the proposed casino in our fair city? "Follow the money" works both ways. Not only in the projected losses of revenue to the rest of our own (California) tribes, but to the Nevada gaming interests as well. Do you really think that anyone's pockets are not being lined in the form of campaign contributions, or donations to favorite charities, or whatever?

It has been noted that "money is the mother's milk of politics" for good reason. I would certainly be interested in learning about all of the "quid pro quos" that may be abounding out there.

Wouldn't you?

J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

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Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth.
—George Washington

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Truth is always exciting. Speak it, then. Life is dull without it.
—Pearl S. Buck

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If you cannot win, make the one ahead of you break the record.
—Jan McKeithen

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A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step.
—Chinese proverb

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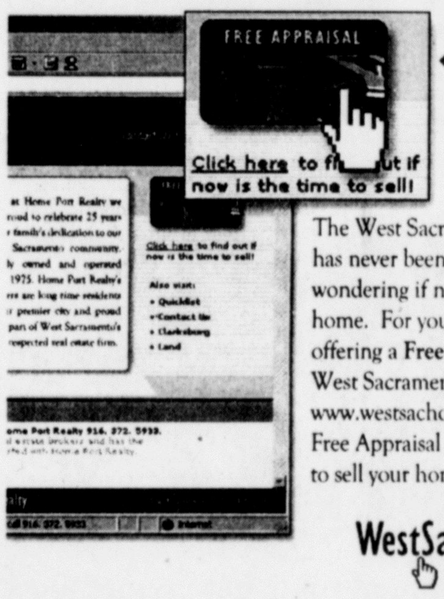

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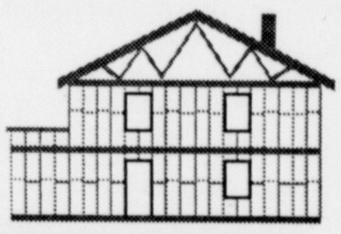
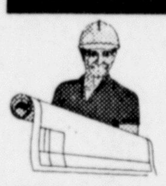
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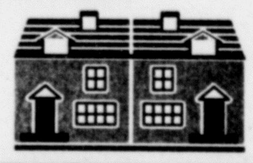
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Local Scene

Youth basketball

The city parks department, in partnership with the NBA, is offering the Jr. NBA & Jr. WNBA youth basketball leagues for boys & girls ages 5-13, $45 per player includes a jersey and award. Volunteer coaches needed. Entry deadline Dec. 6. Player evaluation & draft is Dec. 7, and league begins in January. Call 373-5860.

Golden Years Club

West Sacramento's Golden Years Club will have a catered Thanksgiving dinner at the VFW Hall, 905 Drever St., at 6 p.m. on Tues., Nov. 19. The club caters to people age 50 and over. For information, call 371-8126.

Art Guild

The West Sacramento Art Guild meets Tues., Nov. 26, at 2 p.m. at 1510 Merkley Ave., Suite B, in the studio of Ann Bissett-Clark (below the Dance Studio on the southeast corner of the building). Art Guild meetings are open to anyone. Guild membership dues are $10 per year. For more information, call Stella Caluya, 371-3744.

Candy for kids

The West Sacramento Kiwanis Club has teamed with See's Candy for a fundraiser to benefit local scholarship, children's camp and other kids' programs. The club will staff a booth on Merkley Ave. between Nov. 25 (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.), selling See's Candy to benefit the programs. The booth will be located across from the Margaret McDowell Manor, west of Jefferson Blvd. on Merkley.

Garbage day

The City of West Sacramento announces that Thanksgiving Day will affect local waste disposal service. Garbage usually collected that Thursday will be picked up Friday, and service usually scheduled for Friday will be picked up Saturday. For more information, call 373-5810.

Thanksgiving service

The River of Life Church, 3605 Gregory Ave. in Southport (at Jefferson), invites the public to its 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day service. Worship, prayer and communion. Call 371-6706 for more information.

Interfaith Thanksgiving

The West Sacramento Interfaith Gathering invites the public to its second annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wed., Nov. 27, at 7 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church (Anna and Todhunter streets). Jeanette Miller, from the Muslim faith tradition, will share the message. There will be music, prayers, and special readings. Call 371-8804 for more information.

Spaghetti feed

River City High School's junior class will host a spaghetti feed at the Moose Lodge (3240 Jefferson Blvd.) on Nov. 22, from 6-8:30 p.m. $7 for adults, $5 for kids 12 & under. Call Natalie, 374-9869, for more information.

'DADS'

'Dads And Daughters/ Sons' ('DADS') invites fathers with children under age six to participate in a playgroup provided by the Yolo Family Service Agency, 455 First Street, Woodland. No charge. Play activity is held Tuesday evenings 5:30-7 p.m.; the first Tuesday is a Spanish-speaking group. Call (530) 662-2211 ext. 20.

Museum visit

The West Sacramento Historical Society plans a Nov. 23 trip to the Rio Vista Museum and Dutra Dredging Museum, departing from Jeri Wingfield's home at 1700 Deerwood St. at 8:45 a.m. Cost is $5, transportation is by car pool. The group will take lunch in Rio Vista after the tour. Call 371-7678 or 372-5117 for information.

Craft Faire

Our Lady of Grace School will hold its annual Christmas Craft Faire on Sat., Dec. 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Santa will be available to pose for pictures from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A hot dog lunch will be served, and a cookie booth will be open. To rent a table, call 371-9416.

Christmas baskets

The West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project is gearing up for its 2002 season. The organization provides a holiday food basket for low-income families in West Sacramento. Volunteers are needed during November and December. Please call 373-1744, 373-5819 (Ardis) or 372-3360 (Carol); if you do not reach someone, please leave a message with your name and number. The project is also seeking donations of food and funds, and the California School Boards Association is seeking toy donations for a related toy drive.

Holiday Bazaar

The Yolo Hospice will benefit from a holiday bazaar held at the Clarksburg Library, 52915 Netherlands Rd. in Clarksburg, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Dec. 7. There will be baked goods, cosmetics, woodcarvings, dried flowers, jams & jellies, plants, jewelry and much more. For information, call (916) 775-1553.

Orchestra

The West Sacramento Community Orchestra will play "holiday favorites" including pieces by Rachmaninov, Gates, Mendelssohn and Adam, on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2:30 p.m. at the West Sacramento Senior Center, 664 Cummins Way, and at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 10 at the Centennial United Methodist Church, 5401 Freeport Blvd. near Fruitridge in Sacramento. Both concerts are free. For information on the concerts or orchestra (which invites new members), call (916) 991-5262.

Holiday homes

Join a Dec. 7 tour of eight beautiful Woodland homes decorated for the holidays, and help support Yolo County's "Meals on Wheels" program, serving meals to senior citizens. Tickets are available for $25 per person. Call (530) 662-7035..

Christmas 'wish tree'

Someset Nursing Center is sponsoring a "wish tree" for its residents – each resident will have a star on the tree. Visitors may provide a requested gift listed for the resident on a star and deliver the gift to the activity department by noon on Thurs., Dec. 19. Presents should be wrapped and labeled with the resident's name. For more information on making holidays brighter for these nursing home residents, call Janet, 371-1890.

Gymnastics

West Sacramento's parks department is offering youth gymnastics. All ages from parent-participation to 17 years. No contract, monthly fees. Call 373-5819.

Painters' exhibit

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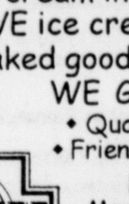
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